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Serial No.: **10/623,957**

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Group Art Unit: **3763**

For: **Tissue Distraction Device**

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TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

Transmitted herewith is a Preliminary Amendment in the above-identified patent application

CLAIMS AS AMENDED

	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest No. Paid For	Fee Calculation	Addit Fee
Total Claims	208	191	17 X 25	\$ 425.00
Independent Claims	10	8	2 X 100	\$ 200.00
Total Additional Fee Required				\$ 625.00

- * Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$625.00 for the additional claims and provide any extensions of time which may be necessary to Deposit Account No. 13-0014, but not to include any payment of issue fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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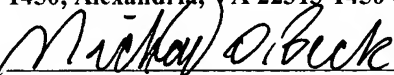
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Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, Applicants respectfully submit the following Preliminary Amendment adding new claims 192-208. A check in the amount of \$625.00 is included for the fees associated with two new independent claims (\$200.00) and seventeen new claims (\$425.00). It is believed that no further fees are due, but the Commissioner is authorized to deduct any deficiency from Deposit Account 13-0014.

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